

***Three Judgeships  
Announced***

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**JUDGE B. H. HILL  
APPOINTED TO  
NEW  
ATLANTA  
JUDGESHIP**

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Journal's Prediction of  
Week

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Ago Fulfilled in  
Appointments

by Governor by Which  
Three

Courts Are Shifted

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JUDGE ROAN  
SUCCEEDS

TO COURT OF  
APPEALS

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Charles S. Reed Takes  
Judge

# Roan's Place on Stone Mountain Circuit, George M. Napier Is Solicitor General

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Governor John M. Slaton yesterday announced appointments incident to the new Atlanta judgeship exactly as The Journal exclusively predicted last Wednesday.

His appointments are as follows:

To the fourth division of the Fulton superior court, Judge Benjamin Harvey Hill, chief justice of the state court of appeals.

To succeed Judge Hill on the court of appeals, Judge L. S. Roan, of the Stone Mountain circuit.

To succeed Judge Roan on the Stone Mountain circuit, Charles S. Reid, solicitor general of the circuit.

To succeed Mr. Reid as solicitor general, George M. Napier, of the Atlanta bar.

## **EFFECTIVE IN OCTOBER.**

The appointments will not become effective until cases now pending before the court of appeals have been disposed of. The governor said Judge Hill expected the court to finish by October 6, on which date the new docket will be taken up, and if the judge's expectations are correct the appointments will go into effect on

October 6, although, if necessary, they will wait a few days for the court to finish.

The reason for waiting, as will be obvious to lawyers, is that it was considered proper for court of appeals cases, having been heard by the full court, to be decided by the fall court, *instead of by two judges*—which would *happen if Judge Hil* should leave the court now.

Also, several motions are pending before Judge Roan which he is desirous of disposing of before he leaves, and Solicitor Reid also has a number of matters to wind up.

Most important of all Judge Roan's pending motions is the motion of Leo M. Frank's attorneys for a new trial, which is set for a hearing on October 4. There is a possibility, however, that this hearing might be postponed, in which event the appointments would not wait and it would therefore devolve on Judge Hill to rule on the motion.

As above said, The Journal's exclusive story last Wednesday predicted the judgeship appointments exactly. The Journal did not undertake to predict the governor's selection of a solicitor to succeed Mr. Reid, as there were several in the race and at that time the result seemed more or less up in the air.

### **THE NEW JUDGESHIP.**

Several years ago it became necessary for the legislature to pass a special act authorizing the judge of the Stone Mountain circuit to preside regularly over the criminal division of the Fulton superior court, and Judge Roan has performed this duty, he being judge for the Stone Mountain circuit at the time the act was passed and continuously ever since. He served without extra salary for a number of years, but for the last few years Fulton county has been supplementing his Stone Mountain circuit salary of \$3,000 per year with an extra of \$2,000 per year, thereby putting him on the same salary basis as the regular presiding judges of the other divisions of the Fulton superior court.

### **SALARY IS \$5,000.**

The new judgeship carries the same salary—\$5,000 per year—but the court of appeals, to which high bench Judge Roan is now commissioned, pays only \$4,000 per year. Thus, Judge Roan goes to a higher court on a smaller salary, while Judge Hill comes to a lower court on a higher salary.

Judge Hill is the son and namesake of Benjamin Harvey Hill, one of the greatest orators and statesmen that Georgia has ever produced, whose marble image stands in a lobby of the state capitol at the foot of the stairway leading up to the state's high courts.

Judge Hill has been chief justice of the court of appeals since it was created in 1907. He served as solicitor general of the Fulton superior court for eight years, being succeeded by his brilliant brother, Charles D. Hill. He served four years as United States district attorney in the northern district of Georgia, under President Cleveland.

Solicitor-General Reid has served the Stone Mountain circuit for several years, and proven his ability as one of the best criminal lawyers in the state. His home is at Palmetto, Ga.

George M. Napier, who succeeds Mr. Reid, is a member of the law firm of Napier, Wright & Cox, one of the leading firms at the Atlanta bar. He is a past grand master of the grand lodge of Georgia Masons. His home is at Decatur, Ga.

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